

REMARKS

Applicants, in response to the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated April 17, 2003, elect to further prosecute the species shown in Fig. 2A. Claims 1-14 have been canceled and new claims 15-18 have been added. Claims 15-18 read on the elected species.

This election is made without prejudice to filing divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected species.

Respectfully submitted,

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